

REMARKS

In this amendment, claim 27 (the only rejected claim) has been canceled. All of the remaining claims have been indicated as allowable. Therefore, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

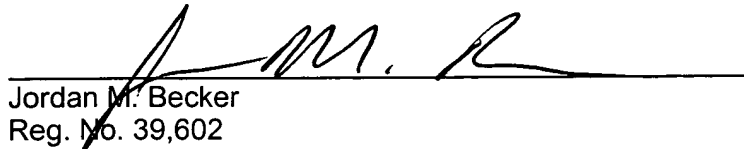
If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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